



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING

Regular Meeting AT Tuesday, October 19, 2010

Bloomfield Board of Education 1133 Blue Hills Avenue Board Room, 1133 Blue Hills Avenue ,
Bloomfield, CT 06002

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Tuesday, September 14, 2010
Bloomfield Board of Education
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Board Room

PRESENT: S. Thompson, Chair D. Seldon, Vice Chair D. Dale, Secretary
R. Ike D. Quinones S. True

ABSENT: J. Michel

ALSO PRESENT: J. Jacoby, Interim Superintendent
K. Parks, Assistant Superintendent
D. Munsell, Director of Business Affairs
S. Way, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER AND 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

S. Thompson, Chair, after determining that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chair requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by D. Dale and seconded by R. Ike that the Bloomfield Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- Friday, 6/11/10 Special Meeting
- Tuesday, 6/15/10 Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, 6/15/10 Executive Session

The motion passed unanimously.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

Dr. Jacoby began by calling on the two new student representatives to introduce themselves to the Board.

Ms. S. Peart, a student at Bloomfield High School and Mr. C. Manson, a student at The Big Picture High School introduced themselves to the Board. Each student provided a thumbnail sketch of their academic and extracurricular activities and future plans.

B. TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Interim Superintendent called on Ms. J. Robinson, Bloomfield 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year, to address the Board.

Ms. Robinson was brief in her address to the Board. She commented she was honored to be awarded this recognition. She provided the highlights of her 34 years of teaching in Bloomfield. She piloted an all-day Kindergarten program and worked to mainstream Special Education students before that was even acceptable language. She acknowledged the help of her colleagues, staff and administration, and expressed her appreciation to the Board for its support.

C. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Jacoby introduced Ms. K. Parks to the public as the newly appointed Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

D. DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Dr. Jacoby introduced Ms. S. Way as the new Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

She commented both individuals have been very helpful to her in her position in Bloomfield and congratulated both on their appointments.

5. PUBLIC/PTO COMMENT

There was none. The Chair said she is working with the various PTO's and there will be a report at the next meeting.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported she plans to have a monthly standing agenda item for a school principal to provide the Board with an update of activities happening at that principal's school.

A. CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Dr. Jacoby called on Mr. S. Galloway, Principal of Bloomfield High School to provide the initial report of this series.

Mr. Galloway reported he was highly motivated and pleased to be in his new position. He introduced a senior student to address the Board and comment on his activities at the High School. The Superintendent commented the principal had reached out to six students to meet with the Board this evening but five could not due to various extracurricular activities preventing them from attending.

After brief student comments, Mr. Galloway provided commentary on his approach to the students and interactions with them. He said staff is highly motivated and students are pleased with their newly renovated environment. Opening day went smoothly.

Principal Galloway reported on three initiatives the school will focus on:

- Student Achievement/Academic Performance – the data team process will be used to teach, meet, and assess student progress as well as needs
- Improve School Culture – among all - students, teachers, and staff
- Parental Involvement – school work is important, parental follow-up is stressed

He said the goal is to have every student prepared for college. He reported on his messages to the students and urged them to participate.

B. OPENING OF SCHOOL REPORT

The Superintendent reported on the following:

- Opening Day went well. She plans to visit a school a day
- Enrollment is holding with approximately 2,250 students in the district
- Fourteen certified staff members have been hired. All new teachers have attended the New Teachers Academy.
- Facilities – all renovation projects are on time. The High School is awaiting new bleachers in the gym and football field. None of the ongoing projects interfere with student instruction time.
- Transportation for the new Kindergarten re-organization was the biggest Opening Day problem. Some youngsters arrived home late but none of the affected building staff left prior to learning that all children arrived home safely.

- Curriculum and Instruction – a guide for instruction for all students using SRBI guidelines is under development
- Residency – 100+ cases were investigated last year with approximately 25% resulting in non-qualifying students being placed outside the district. This resulted in \$125+K savings to the Town.
- Electricity savings - W. Casper has developed an electricity generation contract that results in \$65K annual savings. The district recently signed a three year contract.
- J. Olzacki was recently awarded the Humanitarian Service Award

C. BIG PICTURE HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

Dr. Jacoby reported this activity will lose its funding next year under the auspices of host magnet school legislation due to lack of racial diversity at the school. A 25% white student population from suburban partner communities is not being maintained.

The goal is to maintain this school as a Bloomfield district school. The current student body size of 125-130 students is not cost effective. The break-even population is around 180-190 students.

Dr. Jacoby and Principal P. Hymes are studying a staggered schedule option to develop a larger student body. Qualifying under the CHEF funding arena is another option. The district is proud of this school and doesn't want to lose it.

D. FEDERAL GRANT – EDUCATION JOBS FUND PROGRAM

The Superintendent reported on a Department of Education grant award of \$315+K to the district to provide funds for working collaboratively on programs for Saturday academics and Summer School. Work will focus on identifying and developing those component parts that lead to success in each activity. The plan is to spend 65% in the first year and the balance of funds in the second year.

A letter outlining the plan was previously distributed to the Board.

E. CMT/CAPT DATA

Dr. Jacoby called on Ms. S. Way to report on the preliminary data from the most recent round of testing.

Ms. Way reviewed the CMT and CAPT 2010 testing data by grade. A report was previously distributed to the Board. It highlighted CMT student results for Grades 3 through 8 and CAPT scores for Grade 10. The data showed percentages of tested students Above Goal, At/Above Proficient and Below Proficient.

Ms. Way commented the plan is to set the bar at Above Goal. A full report will be available for the October meeting.

F. END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT 2009-2010

Superintendent Jacoby provided the Board with the final 2009-2010 Year-End budget Report.

\$978,825 was returned to the Town. The majority of the savings derived from Special Education transportation and tuition. She stressed these savings were not the result of over budgeting but rather are the result of district personnel working hard to do their best with taxpayer funds.

She and the Chair have requested the Town Council place at least half the savings in the Capital Non-Recurring account for future needs.

Dr. Jacoby reported on her plan to involve the Budget Sub Committee sooner in the budget process.

G. 2010-2011 FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. D. Munsell reviewed the current Expenditure Report previously distributed. About 29% of the Budget remains to be encumbered.

H. SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH UPDATE

Chair, S. Thompson reported on the upcoming Community Forum where the public is invited to address their comments in the search for a Superintendent. Mr. R. Collins of CAFE will chair the meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVE ED-099 AGREEMENT SIGNATURE CHANGE FORM

A motion was made by D. Seldon and seconded by R. Ike that the Bloomfield Board of Education approve the Signature Change Form ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs. The motion passed unanimously.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair requested a motion to adjourn.

At 8:30 p.m., a motion was made by D. Dale and seconded by R. Ike to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday, October 19, 2010.

Dick Dale, Secretary

Bloomfield Public Schools - Student Enrollment

School	Grade	Active 10/1/2005	Active 10/1/2006	Active 10/1/2007	Active 10/1/2008	Active 10/1/2009	Active 10/1/2009	Active 10/1/2010
WECMS	PK					221	221	209
	K					33	33	103
Total:						254	254	312
VINCENT	PK	39	24	25	27			
	K	61	69	41	48	42	42	94
	1	71	63	69	47	50	50	126
	2	60	68	58	71	49	49	131
	3	64	52	63	56	63	63	
	4	76	53	59	67	50	50	
Total:		371	329	315	316	254	254	351
LAUREL	K	55	48	35	46	49	49	
	1	56	63	56	41	50	50	
	2	47	54	69	53	42	42	
	3	62	52	56	73	57	57	139
	4	58	65	52	52	66	66	142
Total:		278	282	268	265	264	264	281
METACOMET	K	40	53	47	37	26	26	
	1	45	50	44	53	34	34	
	2	53	55	45	43	47	47	
	3	56	52	53	47	34	34	
	4	37	55	49	52	41	41	
Total:		231	265	238	232	182	182	
CAIS	5	161	169	176	154	170	170	147
	6	190	147	170	159	124	124	158
	MH			2				
Total:		351	316	348	313	294	294	305
CAMS	7	187	186	147	156	159	159	124
	8	182	169	195	144	154	155	142
	MH				2			
Total:		369	355	342	302	313	314	266
BHS:	9	198	173	181	187	144	143	161
	10	187	167	180	181	185	181	147
	11	167	147	138	160	146	150	150
	12	135	144	126	118	157	156	137
Total:		687	631	625	646	632	630	595
BPHS:	9	30	28	35	35	36	36	29
	10		32	25	21	27	27	34
	11			19	13	14	14	16
	12				14	11	11	10
Total:		30	60	79	83	88	88	89
Total K-12:		2278	2214	2190	2130	2027	2026	1990
Total PK-12		2317	2238	2215	2157	2281	2280	2199



Bloomfield Public Schools

Highlights of 2010 Education Reform Legislation

Setting Higher Standards: Increase the number of credits required for students to graduate from 20 to 25 beginning with graduation in 2018. Beginning with Class of 2018, end of the school year examinations in certain core courses such as Algebra I, geometry, biology, American history and grades 10 English will be required. State Department of Education (SDE) are to develop these exams.

Online Coursework: Certain courses may be taken online, provided a board of education has adopted a policy for granting credit for online coursework and other specific conditions are satisfied.

Student Support and Remedial Services: Beginning with classes graduating in 2018, boards of education are required to provide adequate student support and remedial services for students beginning in grade seven.

Teacher Evaluations: By July 2013, SBE must develop guidelines for teacher evaluations that include student academic growth and local district evaluations must be consistent with these guidelines.

Creation of School Governance: Schools that are identified as being in need of improvement and that require corrective action under the No Child Left Behind Act ("NCLB") must create a governance council. This law also provides that, by affirmative vote, a school governance council may vote to reconstitute the school into one of several models for a period of up to five years.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, boards of education must adopt policies that require the district to conduct 2 "flexible parent-teacher conferences" per school year.

Advanced Placement Courses: Beginning July 1, 2011, boards of education will be required to provide an "advanced placement course program" which is defined as a program that "provides courses at the high school level for which an advanced placement examination is available through the College Board."

Student Discipline and In-School Suspensions: Section 20 of P.A. 10-111 further refines existing state law by allowing out-of-school suspensions only if the administration determines that an out-of school suspension is appropriate based on (1) the student's previous disciplinary problems that have led to suspensions or expulsions, and (2) efforts by the administration to

address the student's disciplinary problems through means other than out-of-school suspensions or expulsion, including positive behavioral support strategies.

Career Exploration: Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, for students, beginning in grade 6, boards of education must collect information that records students' career and academic choices in grades six through twelve.

Dropouts: Effective July 1, 2010, school districts with a dropout rate of 8% or higher in the prior school year will be required to establish an online credit recovery program to allow students in danger of failing to graduate to complete online coursework for credit towards graduation requirements.

Graduation Board Examination: Commencing 2011, SDE must establish a board examination series pilot that would allow boards of education to permit students in grades nine through twelve to graduate from high school if they achieve a passing score on a series of examinations in lieu of meeting the graduation requirements set forth under state law.

Student Athletes and Concussions: Under new law, Public Act 10-62, anyone who holds a coaching permit issued by the SBE must be trained periodically in how to recognize and respond to head injuries and concussions.

Seat Belts on School Buses: Encourage districts to provide buses with seat belts, Public Act 10-83 requires the Department of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") to administer a program to help pay for school buses equipped with 3-point lap/shoulder seat belts.

In-service Training in Teen Dating Violence and Domestic Violence: Public Act 10-91 adds teen dating violence and domestic violence to the long list of topics to be covered under the in-service training requirements set forth in Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-220a(a).

Board of Education Minutes: Effective October 2010, public agencies (including Boards of Education) will not be required to post meeting minutes on the website.

Note: There are number of implications to Board Policy which we will address with the Board Policy Committee

October 2010

Prepared, Office of Superintendent

Bloomfield

BOE EXPENDITURE REPORT BY MAJOR OBJECT

Account Number / Description	Adopted Budget	Expenses YTD	Encumbrances	Balance Before	Submitted	Balance After	Percent
	7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011	7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011	7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011	Req's Sub. 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011	Requisitions 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011	Req's Sub	Remaining 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011
01 CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$16,158,388.00	\$2,847,844.31	\$12,531,873.20	\$778,670.49	\$0.00	\$778,670.49	4.81%
02 NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$5,896,381.00	\$1,282,971.88	\$4,417,430.08	\$195,979.04	\$0.00	\$195,979.04	3.32%
03 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$6,469,654.00	\$2,911,842.23	\$958,405.08	\$2,599,406.69	\$0.00	\$2,599,406.69	40.17%
04 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$1,333,601.00	\$189,603.50	\$387,430.87	\$756,566.63	\$108,686.88	\$647,879.75	56.73%
05 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$2,205,756.00	\$613,124.17	\$1,007,598.26	\$585,033.57	\$462.00	\$584,571.57	26.52%
06 INSURANCE	\$235,936.00	\$121,573.00	\$114,345.00	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$18.00	0.00%
07 COMMUNICATIONS	\$208,545.00	\$5,840.61	\$79,031.35	\$123,673.04	\$20,707.75	\$102,965.29	59.30%
08 TUITION	\$2,213,487.00	\$88,713.37	\$1,714,247.46	\$410,526.17	\$0.00	\$410,526.17	18.54%
09 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$105,098.00	\$7,206.51	\$26,096.36	\$71,795.13	\$1,362.80	\$70,432.33	68.31%
10 SUPPLIES	\$712,114.00	\$201,042.34	\$125,033.78	\$386,037.88	\$2,166.85	\$383,871.03	54.21%
11 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS	\$1,503,794.00	\$347,269.01	\$1,071,604.31	\$84,920.68	\$0.00	\$84,920.68	5.64%
12 TEXTBOOKS/LIBRARY BOOKS/OTHER SUPPL	\$278,939.00	\$30,364.10	\$23,084.64	\$225,490.26	\$1,485.34	\$224,004.92	80.83%
13 EQUIPMENT	\$285,807.00	\$34,269.34	\$35,550.80	\$215,986.86	\$424.93	\$215,561.93	75.57%
14 MISCELLANEOUS	\$175,737.00	\$45,384.58	\$22,571.30	\$107,781.12	\$429.00	\$107,352.12	61.33%
GRAND TOTAL	\$37,783,237.00	\$8,727,048.95	\$22,514,302.49	\$6,541,885.56	\$135,725.55	\$6,406,160.01	17.31%

Summary of District Consolidated Grants
Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
Federal Grants
Title I, Title II and Title III

Title I

The 2010-2011 allocation for the Bloomfield Public School system is \$471,476. This amount has been distributed into support salaries for language arts consultants, teacher, coach and tutors that provide services to elementary through the intermediate levels. In addition, funds were allocated for professional development and technical services. Based on the district's status of "In Need of Improvement", at least 10% of the funds were allocated for professional development and technical assistance. We will develop School Improvement Plans to improve instruction and achievement utilizing the Cambridge Education.

Title II

The total grant allocation is \$72,390. The amount of \$63,764 was allocated for certified staff, support of the mandatory TEAM (Teacher Education and Mentoring) program for non-tenured teacher and technical assistance from the CREC Alliance Council for assessments.

The grant requires distribution of funds in the amount of \$5,926 to private schools in the attendance area. The three schools are *The Webb School at Bloomfield, Talcott Mountain Academy and The Bess and Paul Sigel Hebrew Academy*. Funds are allocated for professional services and technology to support Bloomfield students attending these schools.

Title III (Used in Partnership with other Communities, facilitated through CREC

The 2010-2011 allocation for the Bloomfield Public Schools is in the amount of \$2,775.00. This grant provides support to students identified as English Language Learners (ELL). This grant utilizes the Partnership through CREC that provides professional development to staff throughout the year. Some funds are utilized for supplies for students.

This year, there were four federal grants (Title II ARRA, Title IID, Title IV, and Title V) that were eliminated.



Bloomfield Board of Education 2011 Meeting Schedule

Date	Type of Meeting	Location
January 11, 2011	Regular Meeting	Board Room
February 15, 2011	Regular Meeting	Board Room
February 24, 2011	Special Budget Meeting	Board Room
March 8, 2011	Regular Meeting	Board Room
April 12, 2011	Regular Meeting	Board Room
May 10, 2011	Regular Meeting	Board Room
June 14, 2011	Regular Meeting	Board Room
September 13, 2011	Regular Meeting	Board Room
October 18, 2011	Regular Meeting	Board Room
November 15, 2011	Regular Meeting	Board Room
December 13, 2011	Regular Meeting	Board Room

Meetings are generally scheduled the second Tuesday of the month unless a conflict occurs.